

ROCOR Minutes May 18th, 2026 at 4:30 PM

Present ROCOR members: Heidi Albright, Bob Ketchel, Ben Pincus, Deborah Rogler, Erik Wardle

Absent: Andy Apgar, Rene Bouchard, Kahwa Douoguih, Skip Martin

Public attendees: Kat McHenry, Rhett Williams and Ginny Kunkel (from the Northfield Town Forest Stewardship Committee)

Meeting Read Ahead: Velomont Vision Plan:

https://vermonthuts.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/240628_FIN_AL_Velomont-Vision-Plan.pdf

Approved Minutes from last meeting on 2/12/25:

<https://roxburyvt.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/rocor-minutes-2-12-25.pdf>

Public Comment: e-mail list suggestion to create a ROCOR email list from Jennifer via FPF (action plan: request a list serv curator at next meeting)

Committee Member check in/updates: Bill Hansen stepped down from the Committee: we now have one vacancy

Velomont Trail Access for Roxbury? With Angus McCusker Velomont Trail Director- Angus gave a 1 + hour virtual talk and discussion regarding the possibility of Velomont Mountain Bike/hiking trail/hut network to link with Roxbury.

When completed the Velomont trail will be 485 miles in length, including up to 45 huts/hostels, making it the longest hut connected hiking/biking trail in the US. It will conserve 200,000 acres of wildlife corridor. If Roxbury agrees to being part of a Velomont trail system, the link would potentially access through a

Cram Hill route and/or the Roxbury State Forest's eastern quadrant. It is possible (if permission is granted) to link through Roxbury State Forest on the Warren side (refer to page 50 Map 8 of the Velomont vision plan "read ahead" link at the top of this document).

Trail access is in the early planning stages, contingent on interest from Roxbury residents/ROCOR and potential land access (Roxbury State Forest and Private Landowners) and also contingent on the Roxbury State Forest updated trail access/management plan. (Updates currently unavailable: Rene and Ben have had radio silence from State officials!).

Northfield Town Forest Stewardship Committee with Ginny Kunkel: Ginny expressed an interest in NTFSC networking with Roxbury in terms of linking trails to both towns. She emphasized the challenge of finding public parking for easy access to Northfield Trails.

Request for a ROCOR committee member replacement

(action plan: Ben will contact Tammy to make the request to ask the select board to vote for Kat Mchenry as a replacement committee member)

We tabled the following agenda items due to focus on our guest speakers Angus and Ginny:

Roxbury Rec park

Gear Lending

Update on the Roxbury State Forest Management Plan

Building/design grant options

Master Plan guideline revisions

suggestion to create an e-mail list (any volunteers to run a list serv?)

Schedule next meeting/action plan/outing: The next meeting will be held at the Roxbury Free Library on Monday, June 1st at 6pm.

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